

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 28 (2011/12)

Re: **Approving County-administered Shared Dispatch Plan Operating Out of Law Enforcement Center**

WHEREAS, through the adoption on March 17, 2009, of Resolution No. 31 (2008-09), the Sheboygan County Board endorsed the concept of a shared emergency dispatch center with the City of Sheboygan and directed that as the County engaged in ongoing maintenance and improvements of its current emergency dispatch system, the Sheriff and County Administrator were to exert their best efforts to coordinate infrastructure, personnel, software, technology, and call protocol decisions with the City of Sheboygan so as to make a shared dispatch system financially palatable for the County Board to, and

WHEREAS, the concept of shared dispatch is in the best interests of the citizens of Sheboygan County for the following reasons:

- The cellular 911 transfer issue would be resolved (currently cellular 911 calls from within the City of Sheboygan are answered by County dispatchers and must be transferred to City dispatchers);
- A common dispatch point would be created for the entire County (in the instance of a broad-based emergency situation, response would be managed from one location and resource utilization could be maximized);
- Creation of long-run operational efficiencies via creation of one dispatch facility with single direction, jurisdiction, training, and objectives;
- Creation of one standard set of emergency dispatch protocol which would be uniform throughout the County;
- Potential economies of scale relating to future equipment and software purchases;
- Under countywide dispatch, every resident gets the same level of service and the costs are allocated countywide,

and

WHEREAS, a shared dispatch process could be implemented under County administration and jurisdiction which would initially be operated at the City Police Department Communication Center in 2013 but would move by December 2017 to the Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Center, and

WHEREAS, under such a plan, there would be recurring annual estimated soft costs (at 2012 levels) of \$2,319,603 based on the current expenses estimated for Sheboygan County as follows:

- 24 dispatchers at \$1,649,988
- Non-salary support costs at \$90,000
- Three warrant/process clerks at \$168,975
- One communication center manager at \$99,028
- Four communication center supervisors at \$311,612,

and

WHEREAS, under such a plan, the hard costs for construction would be estimated at \$2,655,305 as follows:

- Upgrades to City Communication Center at \$356,855 necessary for the operations until construction is completed at the County Law Enforcement Center
- Construction of addition to County Law Enforcement Center at \$2,298,450 to permanently house the dispatch operations

and

WHEREAS, under this plan, the City of Sheboygan would agree to pay the County of Sheboygan 50% on the total annual soft costs to operate the combined center in perpetuity, and

WHEREAS, under this plan, the City of Sheboygan would also agree that they would bear 50% of all the hard construction costs of \$2,655,305;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Board agrees to the concept of an emergency dispatch center administered by Sheboygan County to serve the entire County, including the City of Sheboygan, and directs that the Sheriff and County Administrator negotiate an agreement with the City of Sheboygan consistent with the terms set forth above.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of March, 2012.

LAW COMMITTEE

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Thomas V. Epping, Vice-Chairperson

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Opposed to Introduction:

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